ow the Young People Have Been Making Morey at the Consting Parties on These Winter Nights - Sicks and Robs that Make Wild Bashas Down the Steep Inclines. All along the east bank of the Hudson River. from Poughkeepsie to the city limits, the steep streets of the towns and villages are in the possession of the coasters. Beginning with the closing of school in the afternoon and con-tinuing until the early hours of the morning. se towns and villages echo with the shouts and laughter of the young men, young women. boys, and girls as they dash down the loy inelines, with dancing eyes and glowing cheek and breath coming hard under the joy of swift, amouth motion through the keen air.

The young people of these rural places pit; the young people of New York, who have few winter pleasures, perhaps an occasional skating in a park or a snowball or two fired when the policeman is looking the other way. Up there they do not sigh for apring and streets free from the unutterable conglomeration of mud. ice, and snow. They enjoy each day of wintry weather, and look upon a thaw as a calamity. They think that God made the seasons for the country, and that their hilly homes are as charming when the breath of winter has whitened them as when apring has

nade them green. The sleigh ride is all well enough for the people who live in flat countries, but for these people the sleighing is just one step behind give the pleasure, whereas in coasting the smeak of the swifter motion and the little element of danger which is always necessary to somplete the happiness of a young soul in any sport. Every young man and boy runs hi

ment of danger which is always necessary to complete the happiness of a young soul in any sport. Every young man and boy runs his ewn beb or sled, and each finds in it some expectal merit possessed by no other. It may be speed of looks or quick response to guiding. Whatever the point is, and however small er faneful it may be, indeed it often is, the ast in the bob or sled is of the owner's making. He has pianed the weed and rounded it, he has put on the steel runners, and has feasing. He has pianed the weed and rounded it, he has put on the steel runners, and has feasing the white surface of the hill rush by like a river of sance he wirds is doubled. When his coaster dashes away, distancing all and making the white surface of the hill rush by like a river of snow, he delights in its performance as the result of his own skill.

The long spell of cold weather this year has put these steep streets into just the proper condition. The snow fell and laid the foundation for proper coasting hills. But this was enly the first step. There was a bit of a thaw that quickly froze again. This had made the snow half los and very hard. Then the sleds and bobe got to work on them, and soon each steep street which could be conveniently used was an incline of ice, almost as smooth as if it were covered with glass. The track was then ready, and the more it has been used the better it has become—and the more dangerous.

As all these towns and villages are reasonably sure of a season of coasting each winter, nuch care and thought has been put into the making of bobs. For the bob is the ideal coaster, and stands in the same relation to the sled that a tally-ho with six horses does to a single side-bar buggy. A slad is all well coaster, and stands in the same relation to the sled that a tally-ho with six horses does to a single side-bar buggy. A slad is all well coaster, and stands in the same relation to the sled that a tally-ho with six horses does to a single side-bar buggy. A slad is all well coaster, and stands and should hold o

28 or 31 men if there are no girls, but if there are no girls, but if there are no girls, should it is means nearly 4.000 pounds weight, a weight that will give such speed as only engineers of the fastest express trains have any idea of, and not even they unless the front window of the cab is epen and the winter air blows free and strong in their faces.

One bob, the owner calls it the Pilot, is a montar eapable of holding awhole Sunday school or dancing class or Band of Hope. The Pilot is twenty-three fest long and dighteen inches wide, and will seat thirty-five persons. That means that if the Sunday school or dancing class or Band of Hope is large and real well acquainted fine Pilot will not refuse to hold tae, more: for yout see every sitter has a lap and every young man has shoulders and doesn't mind if a girl perches herself on them. The runners of the Pilot are made of very heavy stoel, and the fenders of gas pipe loaded with lead. In addition, the froat truck, so to speak, is loaded with 300 pounds of lead. The bob, two trucks and all, weighs about 750 pounds without a soul on her. When she is at the top of the first hill, taking on her load for the dash, the steerer gets in first. To stendy him, for his hard and perilous work a boy weighing about aixty pounds is put upon his shoulders. The heaviest men in the party sit immediately behind the steerer sets in first. To stendy him, for his hard and perilous work a boy weighing about aixty pounds is put upon his shoulders. The heaviest men in the party sit immediately behind the steerer set his first. To stendy him, for his hard and perilous work a boy weighing about aixty pounds is put upon his shoulders, and all, weighs alout 750 pounds without a soul on her. When she is at the top of the first hill, taking on her load for the second over the heads of the probable a committee will be appointed by the Legislature next week to investigate thei

5.000 pounds. But after the first 100 feet she gets under way in earnest, and with a ringing shout and scream, she plunges downward over the crest of the hill, and is soon running at the rate of a mile a minute or thereabouts.

She loaps across the hollow, and, with almost underminished speed, mounts the gentler hill opposite clear to the top. That is a ride of a starlight or moonlight winter's night worth going up to Irvington to take.

The Pilot has a clear track always when she gets ready for a dash. Even the flying bobs that carry two or three thousand pounds can get up no speed that would make a journey in front of her anything but certain destruction. The smaller bobs race among themselves, as the track is pretty wide. But in passing and repassing each other, they have many narrow escapes. It is hard to say why there have been no terrible accidents.

Behind these mighty coasters of the first and second class comes a whole fleet of smaller craft. Little bobs, aleda, belly-busters," and the like. It makes an imposing procession, and not a little terrifying to a team of horses that has got into the way unconsciously and sees ruin and week leading down upon it with the wings of the wind.

What is true of Irvington is true in a lesser degree of all the other liudson river villages. In the late atternoon the school children are cut. At night the young men from the offices in New York take out the young women. It is a great deal more interesting at night, not to look at because that only means envy, but to take part in.

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The sleigh ride and driving with one hand so that the other may be kept warm is a poor sort of a triing beside the hillside coasting and holding on with both hands while her hair blows backward across your cheek and her hands clutch yours, and perhaps her face is turned every now and then so noar, so very near, that—well, she can't be real certain whether it was the wind or you.

Truly, winter is not such a bad thing after all, when one lives in a hilly, snow-draped village, and some matches may be made in heaven, but in these Hudson hiver towns a good many more are made at the coasting parties.

Alleged Crucky to Reformalory Boys.

Baltimone, Feb. 11. - Charles Salesbury and John Hall, two colored boys, were brought here yesterday from the State House of Reformation at Cheltenham suffering with frost itten feet. The feet of both were amputated, and the chances are they will die from the shock. The charge is made that the boys shock. The charge is made that the boys were frost-bitten by being compelled to work out of doors without shoes or stockings, and that when gangrene first made its appearance the boys were confined in cold cells. This is denied by the superintendent and the officers who brought the boys to flatimore for treatment. They say that these boys, against explicit orders, played in the snow in their bare feet, leaving in the house the shoes and stockings with which every boy in the reformatory is provided. The trustees of the institution will make an investigation.

Br. Louis, Feb. 11.—The general Grievance Committee of the Switchmen's Mutual Aid Asociation of North America will meet here on next Wednesday in annual asseion to revise and submit to the officials of all railroads the schedule for the present year. Local switch-men say they are not receiving enough pay-and the question of demanding more money will be discussed by the local and general committee. There is no talk of a strike.

SUPPOSE IT WAS SOUTH MINTH?

In the upper after cabin of one of the new double-decker Pennsylvania ferry boats yester-day afternoon sat a tail, broad-shouldered man, whose bearing indicated that he was a Southerner. His big shock of glistening white hair was surmounted by a broad-brimmed soft slouch hat. His eyes were blue and his skin was fair. His cheeks showed the lines which come from drinking much good wine His manner was mild and soft. Only his white mountache and goates had a flerce look about them. He looked around at the well-dressed men and women about him and smiled in a pleased, satisfied way.

Walking up and down in the passage way was a short, stocky man of middle age, with a swart complexion and a gnarled, knobby face. His eyes and hair were black, his lowe jaw was square, and his moustache was short, grizzied, and bristly. As he reached the after cabin, and came in front of the big, white-haired Southerner, that gentleman looked up at him, and in a soft, mildly inquisitive tone

at him, and in a soft, mildly inquisitive tone said:

"Philadelphia?"

"Yes," answered the swarthy-faced, shortly, and strode on.

The boat was in midstream on her nassage to New York when the swarthy-faced man reached the after cabin again. Just as he turned to start forward, the big white-haired Southerner softly inquired:

"South Ninth street?"

The effect was phenomenal. He leaned into the air. He made a violent gesture. A fearful oath shot out of his mouth.

"Yes," he shouted, "South Ninth street. What the blank business is it of yours if it is South Ninth street?"

The awarthy-faced man was in a furious rage. He stamped up and down the passage way. Strong words lurched out of his mouth. He moved his arms threateningly. The spectators caught their breath, laughed, and asked one another. "What does it mean?"

When the local reached her slip and the little man waked up over the bridge he was still muttering and gesticulating. The Soureporter, who observed this, was unable to discover what the disturbance was about.

DEMANDS OF UP-TOWN TAXPAYERS. Washington Reights People Ask for Schools, Streets, and Rapid Transit.

The Washington Heights Progressive Association sent out yesterday resolutions ad dressed to the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, the various municipal commissions, and to the people of the city. They complain that the authorities of the city have been continually increasing the assessed valuation of real estate on Washington Heights, but that public improvements in the vicinity have not kept pace with the increase in taxation. Among the resolutions are the following:

"That the Rapid Transit Commission be re quested to grant to the Manhattan Elevated Railroad the privilege of constructing and oper ating a branch of their present system from Sixty-fourth street and Columbus avenue along the Boulevard and Eleventh avenue to Fort George, with proper stations and facilities for the accommodation of residents of this vicinity, and upon the condition that said company agree to furnish one continuous ride from the Battery to Fort George in consideration of one fare of five cents.

"That the Fire Department be requested to forthwith establish a fire engine and hook and ladder company north of 155th street and west of Harlem River, and provide additional improved fire-alarm boxes."

The resolutions also call upon the Board of Education to establish a primary school north of 165th street, west of the Harlem River and south of 175th street; the Park Department to proceed to lay out and improve High Bridge Park; the Department of Docks to build suitable docks along the North River in this region, and the Board of Street Openings to lay out and adopt the speedway proposed by Mayor Gilroy and to open up all available streets on Washington Heights.

The resolutions are signed by Christian Trinks, Louis Wendell, Jr., John C. Klatt, and George Sauter.

WANTS NOW TO BE A GOOD GIRL. Sent to the Wayside Home.

A poorly dressed girl asked Justice Goetting, in the Gates Avesue Police Court, Brooklyn, vesterday to send her to the Wayside Home. "My name is Mary Werthelmer." said the girl, "and since Judge Moore discharged me ast week, after the trial of Peter Schultz and Adam Hass for killing my three months' old child last May, I have been wandering around. I was a bad girl once, but now I want to lead a better life."

one of the World's Fair Commissioners from New Jorsey, who called on Gov. Werts last week. She accused the Board of Managers of squandering the money appropriated by the State on junkets. She alleged that on a recent occasion the Commissioners with their wives and several friends took a special train to Chicago and put up at the Hotel Richelieu for ten days at a cost to the State of \$5,000. She made several other charges, and the Governor promised to ask for an investigation.

The managers have already disposed of the \$70,000 appropriated by the State and are about to ask for \$60,000 more. New Jersey manufacturers, especially those in Newark, denounce the management in strong terms, and say the New Jersey exhibit will be a failure. Very few in Newark outside of leather manufacturers have prepared an exhibit at all.

Miss Nott and Miss Mills Hurt While Coasting. A consting accident at Dobbs Ferry on Thursday afternoon has not resulted so seriously as was originally feared. A party of girls from the Misses Masters' school of girls from the Misses Masters' school were hobbing on Villard's Hill, and the sled, stoered by Miss Margaret Nott, a daughter of Judge C.C. Nott of the Court of Claims. Washington, was overset.

The four girls on the sled were thrown to the side of the road. Miss Nott struck against a piece of ice and received a slight scalp wound. She fainted, and was taken to the school building unconscious. Miss Florence Mills of San Francisco sprained her ankle.

Miss Masters telegraphed for Miss Nott's parents, and they came from Washington immediately. At the school yesterday Miss Masters said there was nothing in Miss Nott's condition to cause alarm. She will be about in a day or two.

At a meeting yesterday of the safe manufacturers who are to compose the Diebold-Mos ler-Damon Company it was decided to take ler-Damon Company it was decided to take into the combination only seven companies for the present, instead of eleven, as originally proposed. By this arrangement the surplus for the common stockholders, after providing the eight per cent, for the preferred, would show for the seven companies 12 30 per cent, as against 11.20 per cent, had the eleven companies been taken in.

By the new arrangement the Mosler-Bahrman Company of Cipreinnati and some of the other smaller companies will be omitted from the combination.

Br. Parkhurst Ill at Lakewood. At the monthly dinner of the Pai Upsilor Club last evening it was announced that the Rev. Dr. Parkhurst was painfully ill at Lake-wood. He was to have spoken at the dinner. His illness will also prevent him from offici-ating to-day at the Madison Square Presby-terian Church.

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